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Corps of Engineers' annual day-use passes

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA – The 2005 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' annual day-use passes will be available for sale at the following Pittsburgh District lakes next week:

- ❖ Berlin Lake Berlin Center, Ohio (330-547-3801)
- Crooked Creek Lake Ford City, Pennsylvania (724-763-3161)
- ❖ East Branch Clarion River Lake Wilcox, Pennsylvania (814-965-2065)
- ❖ Loyalhanna Lake Saltsburg, Pennsylvania (724-639-9013)
- Shenango River Lake Hermitage, Pennsylvania (724-962-7746)
- ❖ Tionesta Lake Tionesta, Pennsylvania (814-755-3512)
- Youghiogheny River Lake Confluence, Pennsylvania (814-395-3242)

A day-use pass permits the holder and accompanying passengers in a vehicle to use all boat launch ramps and designated swimming beaches at any Corps-operated recreation area. It eliminates the need to pay separate day-use fees for these facilities upon each visit and is valid at Corps areas nationwide.

Starting this year, the passes will be valid for 12 months from the date of sale (for example, an annual pass purchased in April 2005 will be valid through March 2006). This is a change in response to customer suggestions from previous annual passes, which were issued by calendar year. The new pass includes a plastic tag that can be hung from the rear view mirror of a vehicle. Affixed to the tag will be a sticker displaying the month and year in which the tag was purchased. The tag itself can be used for years to come, with a new sticker purchased and applied every year. For open vehicles or vehicles lacking an interior rear view mirror, the month and year stickers can be affixed directly to the left front bumper or the back of the left exterior rear view mirror.

An additional change to the annual pass program is that duplicate passes will no longer be sold. The conversion to a hang tag system allows the pass holder to transfer the pass from vehicle to vehicle and eliminates the need for duplicate passes. However, more than one annual pass can be purchased at full price if desired.

The price of the annual pass remains \$30 (\$15 for holders of valid Golden Age or Golden Access Passports eligible for the 50% discount).

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